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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Riou et al.
Title: PRINTING SYSTEM
Appl. No.: 10/698,511
Filing Date: 10/31/2003
Examiner: Fidler, Shelby Lee
Art Unit: 2861

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We, Michel A. Riou, David B. Larson, Martin G. Rockwell and David R.

Christmann, state and declare that:

1. Each of us are the inventors of at least one of originally filed Claims 1 through 39 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/698,511, filed on October 31, 2003, and entitled "Printing System."
2. We understand that in an Office Action dated July 14, 2005, each of originally filed Claims 1-39 was rejected as being unpatentable based on the use of at least one of U.S. Patent 6,643,220 to Anderson et al. and U.S. Patent 6,536,863 to Beauchamp et al.

3. We understand, based on the information provided on the front page of Anderson et al., that Anderson et al. was filed in the United States on March 21, 2002.

4. We understand, based on the information provided the front page of Beauchamp et al., that Beauchamp et al. was filed in the United States on January 31, 2002.

5. Prior to January 31, 2002, we conceived in the United States the invention described in Claims 1-5, 6-15, 16, 18-19, 22-36 and 38-39 of the above-referenced Application as evidenced by the attached Exhibits A-E referenced herein.

6. Exhibit A is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou and David B. Larson which was written and dated prior to January 31, 2002. Exhibit A generally describes an ink emissions condenser and collection system for an inkjet printer.

7. Exhibit B is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou, David B. Larson and Martin G. Rockwell which was written and dated prior to January 31, 2002. Exhibit B generally describes an inkjet emissions condensate collection and storage system for using sealed containers.

8. Exhibit C is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou, David B. Larson and Martin G. Rockwell which was written and dated prior to January 31, 2002. Exhibit C generally describes an inkjet emissions/vapor condenser using a fluid heat exchanger.

9. Exhibit D is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou and David B. Larson which was written and dated prior to January 31, 2002.

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Exhibit D generally describes an inkjet emissions/vapor condenser using a thermal electric module.

10. Exhibit E is a redacted copy of an invention disclosure by Michel A. Riou, David B. Larson and David R. Christmann which was written and dated prior to January 31, 2002. Exhibit E generally describes an inkjet emissions condensate collection and system allowing water evaporation to reduce storage volume.

10. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 14-Oct-05

By: 
Michel A. Riou

Date: _____

By: _____
David B. Larson

Date: _____

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Martin G. Rockwell

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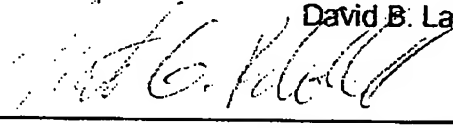
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David B. Larson

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Martin G. Rockwell

Date: 12 Oct 2005

By: David R. Christmann
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